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## Mystifying mentalist amazes Rose community with brain power



Kyle Gossman/Thorn

Mentalist Christopher Carter demonstrated his mental ability by blindfolding himself and correctly copying the word on the whiteboard.

Jason Lucas  
Staff Writer

Wouldn't it be great if you could make a career out of messing with people's heads? That's what nationally renowned mentalist Christopher Carter does, and he loves it. Based out of Chicago, Carter travels all over the country performing at colleges and for companies. I had a chat with Chris after his performance in the Main Dining Room this past Tuesday night. He said that he loved doing his show for engineers because of their analytical minds, and they always come up with the most complicated explanations possible just to settle their own confused minds. He added that he thought the show was very successful and that he had a lot of fun. Apparently so did the 150 or so students that were in attendance, having been lured in by the dinner-time teasers.

Carter started out the evening by selecting two students from the audience. One with a "serious poker face" and someone else whose mind Carter found "fascinating." By studying their body language and unconscious reactions to words that he said, as well as that of 3 other randomly selected audience members, Carter attempted to identify the playing card that they had selected from a deck just moments before. Though he appeared to be faltering for a moment, Carter quickly rattled off all five playing cards correctly much to the ooh-ahh amazement of the crowd. He followed up the stunt by reading random numbers from the minds of audience participants.

A large majority of Carter's performance involved mind-reading and prediction abilities. He predicted the amount of change in the pocket of someone picked by another audience

member, as well as the amount that his prediction would be off by. Before the show, he recorded the description of a woman from the audience that would be receptive to a number that he sent out for the audience's to receive. Amazingly, that audiotape was given to the Student Activities Board before the show and was in my personal possession during the entire performance. He also correctly intercepted thoughts of addresses, anniversaries, birthdays, interesting facts, and simple questions from the thoughts of the crowd. As his final mind-reading feat, he revealed that he had accurately predicted key components to a very disturbing dream that were provided by audience members including a woman named Beatrice (with a 'z') who had a tattoo of a ferret and had a large quantity of salt. Use your imagination for the rest of the story.

Carter wrapped up his performance with a bit of physical mind manipulation. He had one volunteer twist the shaft of a spoon around in her fist, shattered a light bulb using the combined concentration of the crowd, made an audience member pick the only unloaded paintball gun (out of four) to shoot at him, and made another volunteer illuminate a florescent light bulb with her mind. Carter's performance was well received by the members of the audience who greeted the results of his different accomplishments with cries of "What the!" and "Oh my God!". Most amusing was an audience member from the front row who was terrified enough to leap from his seat and head to the door before calming himself down and returning to his seat. After the performance, Carter chatted with curious folk that tried their best to pry the secrets of his performance out of his well-trained mind.

## Research By Undergraduate Mathematics Students Featured At Rose-Hulman Conference

Students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College and Canada's Université Laval will present the results of their latest research in mathematics principles during Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's 18th annual Undergraduate Mathematics Conference on Friday and Saturday (March 16-17).

Rose-Hulman's event is one of the few national conferences that promote scholarly pursuits by undergraduate math students. It will attract more than 60 students and faculty from throughout the country, includ-

ing Rose-Hulman and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Fourteen student-led presentations are scheduled. Friday's talks will include Danair Musain of MIT, who will present a thorough analysis of vector cross products in finite dimensional Euclidean vector spaces; Robin DeGracia of Dartmouth, who will discuss her search for a proof of the four-color theorem; and Sylvain Halle of Université Laval, who will provide a simple method that helps choose between writing a new computer program or modifying some others in an existing collection.

On Saturday, Rose-Hulman student Stephen Young will discuss alternatives to factoring, while Brad Berron of the college's Solar Phantom Race Team will showcase how mathematical modeling will set race strategy for this summer's American Solar Challenge from Chicago to Los Angeles. SMWC students and faculty attending include Katy Baldwin, Sabrina Bingham, Benita Brown, Ellen Cunningham, Shannon Foster, Samantha Harding, Amy Hlavacek and Crystal May. Students from the University of Michigan, University of Illinois,

Southern Illinois University, Northern Kentucky University, Ohio Northern University, Taylor University, College of Mount St. Joseph and Greenville University will also be featured. The talks are scheduled from 3-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday in Crapo Hall classrooms.

These presentations may become the basis for articles in Rose-Hulman's new electronic mathematics journal for undergraduates.

Faculty presenting invited addresses include Suzanne Lenhart of the University of Tennessee

and Linda Petzold of the University of California-Santa Barbara. Lenhart will present two topics: "Can You Park Your Car With Lie Brackets?," on Friday, and "Application of Optimal Control to Various Population Models," on Saturday. Petzold will present her latest research Friday on "Computing Science and Engineering: A Case Study."

Other colleges sending students and faculty to the conference include Indiana Wesleyan University and John Carroll University.

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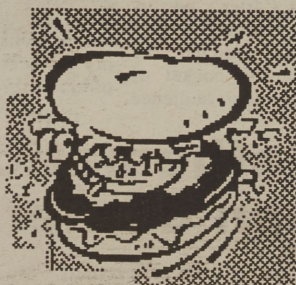


# CAMPUS CALENDAR

						March 16	17
						Two Fathers' Stories Moench Hall Aud 3 pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Winter Sports Banquet	Registration deadline for Art Exhibit					Faculty and Staff Rifle match 10am at the Rifle range	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Art Exhibit begins for the week	SGA Mtg. 5:30 pm  Open Mic Night 8-10 pm Worx			Las Vegas Night SRC 7 pm	FAS Engineers in Concert	
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		SAB presents comedian Don Freisen 8pm Main Dining Room			SPRING BREAK BEGINS AFTER EAST CLASS		

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## SUBMISSIONS

Events may be published in *Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures, speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*.

All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.



# R News Briefs

### Bandwidth update

The new Internet circuits have been delivered to the installation company. The projected time for these circuits to be live is no later than March 21. The entire campus will have access to these circuits, not just certain buildings as had been rumored.

### Stargazers welcome at Oakley Observatory

Starting on March 23 and continuing through dawn on the twenty-fourth, weather permitting, the Astronomy Club will attempt to view 110 astronomical objects that were first identified by 18th century astronomer Charles Messier. If the weather is cloudy, the event will be held March 24-25. Everyone is welcome to come. For more information, contact Oakley Observatory Director Richard Ditteon at ext. 8247.

### Local Big Brothers/Big Sisters to get boost from Lambda Chi Alpha

Members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity are running on March 30-April 1 to raise funds in the Run for Kids Sake fundraising event for the Vigo County Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and they are looking for your help. Anyone who is interested in running should contact Paul Gross at ext. 2515 or e-mail him at grosspa@rose-hulman.edu. Raffle tickets are being sold to predict how many miles are covered during the race. Those tickets can be purchased through the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter.

### High-School computer programming contest to be held at Rose

On April 21, 25 teams composed of high-school students will

be participating in a computer programming contest sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery. The programming languages available for use will be C++ and Java.

### The Inter-Fraternity Council has new officers

The Inter-Fraternity Council has elected new officers. The new president is Rich Thacker. Other officers are Andy Steen, vice-president, Walter Flood, secretary/treasurer, Nathan Kozman and Eric Niec are co-rush chairs.

### Rose-Hulman to host a presentation on the Death Penalty

This Friday at 3 p.m., two fathers who lost their daughters to acts of violence are going to present "Two Fathers' Stories About Rage, Reconciliation and the Death Penalty," in the Moench Hall Auditorium. Admission is free and is open to the public. Giving the presentation are Paul Stevens who lost his daughter, Cindy, to a brutal murder in Evansville and Bud Welch who lost his daughter, Julie, in the Oklahoma City bombing.

### Rose tallies another number one, this time with national marketing awards

Rose picked up gold and silver awards for publication and magazine advertising entries in the 16th annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report. The gold award was for Catalyst, a newsletter for communication between Rose-Hulman, educators, and students of the high schools nationwide. The silver award was given for a magazine advertisement promoting our second straight number one ranking by U.S. News and World Report magazine.

### Do you follow Rose-Hulman sports?

The yearbook staff has lots to do and would like your help. Please consider helping us meet our spring deadlines. We are in need of someone who will gather sports information and team photographs. We are also in need of a sports writer.

If you would consider helping please contact Katie Weiss at 877-7773 or Katherine.J.Weiss@Rose-Hulman.edu. Thank you.

## MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

### Problem:

In an apartment building there are seven elevators, each stopping at no more than six floors. If it is possible to go from one floor to any other floor without changing elevators. What is the maximum number of floors in the building?

*This means that if there are 7 floors in the building elevator A could stop at floors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and elevator B could stop at floors 1,2,4,5,6,7, and elevator C could stop at 1,2,3,5,6,7. (You can get from one floor to any other floor using three elevators in a seven story building.)*

### Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The best solution as judged at the next Math Club meeting will be awarded two new dollar coins. (See solution criteria below)
3. In case of a tie, each winner will be awarded a new one dollar coin.
4. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday to David Finn at G 213.
5. Eligible Voters: All students at the Math Club meeting during 10th period on Wednesday in G 220.
6. If no correct solutions is submitted. No prize will be awarded.

### Solution Criteria:

- Solution must be correct.
- Solution must be documented or explained.
- Clarity of solution. Solution should be easily understood.
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# Spanish club explores Mexican ruins

**Jason Lucas**  
Staff Writer

What did you do over this past quarter break? It was nowhere near as fun and exciting as what a group of students from the Spanish club did. Club

members Nick Giardino, Jason Kohlman, Tim Melton, and Bret Sadler accompanied Latin American Studies Professor Antonio de la Cova on the Second Annual Mexican Excursion. The group flew to Cancun, Mexico from Indianapolis on

the 25th of February and spent two days there, and then they moved on to the city of Merida for the remaining five days of the journey.

Professor de la Cova and the students that accompanied him are giving a presentation Friday, March 16 (that's today) at 4:30 PM in M-137 on their journeys in Mexico. Join them as they discuss their experiences of Mexican and indigenous culture and life-style, as well as share some truly amazing photos from the trip.

During the trip, they traveled 1,265 miles around the Yucatan Peninsula in a van, exploring the ruins and cities nearby. They visited the city of Campeche and its colonial Fort San Miguel. The group also took the ferry to Mujeres Island. The Yucatan Peninsula is home to the ancient Mayan ruins of Acanceh, Chichen Itza, Coba, Edzna, Kabah, Labna, Mayapan, Sayil, Tulum,

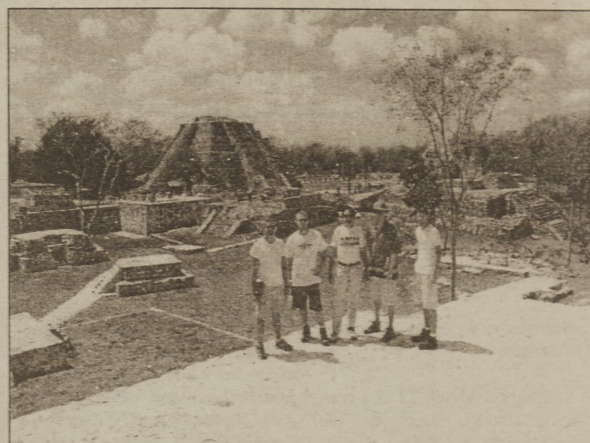


photo courtesy of Dr de la Cova

Professor de la Cova (center) stands in front of the Mayan ruins with the Rose-Hulman students who traveled with him to Mexico.



photo courtesy of Dr de la Cova

Members of the Spanish Club stand in front of the historic Mayan ruins Chichen Itza near Cancun Mexico.

Uxman and Xlapak. The group spent quite a bit of time at these ruins and took many amazing photos of their stops. These photos of the trip can be viewed

on the Spanish Club web site at <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~delacova/yucatan-01.htm>.

## Army ROTC cadet selected among the best in the nation

**Master Sergeant Wayne H. Walker**  
Special Writer

Army ROTC Cadet Erik R. Wright, a junior student in the Army ROTC program at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana was recently

selected to participate in the Army Science Intern Board Program in Washington D.C. for Fiscal year 2001. Cadet Wright, a Civil Engineering major at Rose-Hulman, was selected by United States Army Cadet Command, representing over 280 Colleges and Universities from across the United States. The purpose of the science

intern program is to offer hands on research, practical experimental work and leadership experience to Army ROTC cadets. The Science Board is the Department of the Army Senior Scientific Advisory body, chartered in 1977, to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army and Defense on all scientific and technological matters.

The Intern program is composed of three phases beginning in March and concluding in August 2001. The basic concept of the intern program is to allow Army ROTC cadets to work under the supervision of an associate or chairperson of the Army Science Board initially in Washington

D.C., from March 13 to 15, then later during the summer at the University of California, Irvine. The final phase session will occur in Washington D.C. in August, following Cadet Wright's graduation from ROTC Advance Camp in Fort Lewis, Washington in July.

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## Pete & Pete: You Have to *Get Over It*

Peter Smith  
Peter Webb  
Staff Writers

*Get Over It*  
Kristen Dunst  
Sisqo  
Rated PG-13  
\* \* \* \*

**Pete W:** *Get Over It* is a new teen comedy by the same writer that brought us *She's All That*. The action starts when Alison, played by Melissa Sagemiller, dumps her long time boyfriend Berke Lawrence played by Ben Foster (*Freaks and Geeks*). Soon, she begins dating a member of a boy band that has transferred to their school. Berke is understandably upset by this turn of events and becomes determined to win her back. He goes so far as to try out for the school play, in which Alison has the lead.

**Pete S:** This is the standard girl dumps guy, guy tries to get girl back by enlisting the help of another girl, and then guy ends up with the new girl plot. This plot has been used many times before, but this time it's combined with what I like to call "dumb funny" comedy. What I mean is the plot may be standard, but it's made hilarious by the addition of random site gags and witty remarks that set it apart from the rest.

**Pete W:** I have to disagree

with you on this one, Pete. I thought that the movie was full of nothing but bathroom humor. All of the jokes are aimed right at the same high school audience that the plot is intended for.

Also, I would really like to know why Sisqo is in this film. His character spends most of the movie walking behind the main characters in the hallway between classes, occasionally interjecting a poorly acted and totally useless remark. His presence is obviously a marketing move.

**Pete S:** Okay, Sisqo is a completely useless human being, but Martin Short, who plays the school's play director, is not. His portrayal of an eccentric, self-involved, despotic director is show stopping. Playing on all of the stereotypes usually attached to drama club directors in every high school across America, Short created a character that will surely be remembered by everyone that sees this film.

**Pete W:** All right, I do agree that Martin Short really steals the show in this film, and the production that his character has created, a horribly funny musical interpretation of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, is one of the films highlights. Another strong performance is given by Kirsten Dunst (*Dick, The Virgin Suicides*), who plays Kelly, the girl that Berke eventually falls for.

**Pete S:** And she's so hot! Not that her acting abilities aren't great too. Did she have any lines



Kristen Dunst and Ben Foster play air piano in *Get Over It*.

[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

Pete? Never mind.

The point here is that I really found this movie enjoyable. The dog with an odd sexual attraction to inanimate objects, the stage hands that basically made no sense at all, and the exceptionally clumsy Swedish exchange student are just a few of the running jokes that eventually tie the movie together.

**Pete W:** Well, it looks like it's time again to rate the film. So, on a scale of zero to four stars where four is classic and zero is Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves, I give this movie two stars. The plot was tiresome, and the humor was more or less juvenile. On the other hand this film is never dull, there were some enjoyable moments, and even against my own

better judgment I had a good time watching it.

**Pete S:** Well, I really liked it. I'm going to give this one a full three stars. I thought it was funny. I thought it was entertaining. I think Pete is wrong. I think it's worth seeing and I think you will too. Even if Pete does not.

## Music That's Hot and Music That's Not

Jason Caron  
Staff Writer

*What's Hot*  
Aerosmith  
*Just Push Play*  
*What's Not*  
Eric Alexandrakis  
*I.V. Catatonia*

Eric Alexandrakis finds music in the most unusual places, from popcorn tins to motorcycles, in his newest album, *I.V. Catatonia*. The album is basically a musical biography of his ordeal with Hodgkin's disease, a cancer that attacks lymphatic tissue. The diary of his ordeal, however, is rather unusual, supposedly consisting of a collection of music types from pop to classical. Eric plays all the instruments in the album and mixes it himself using borrowed equipment at times.

I listened to this CD once, trying to find the beauty in the music that Eric Alexandrakis created. Alexandrakis is a Greek name and several references to family members are made in Greek inside the CD booklet. Ironically, it was another Greek, Nikos Tsakiris, who begged me to turn this off, to the relief of the other individuals in the room. I have to say that I enjoy a wide variety of music from pop, to rap, to heavy metal, and even classical. But, I

listened to the 22 tracks and could barely find a single bit of musical talent. The most interesting and slightly humorous track is Selenium, Vitamin E, Beta Carotene, B-12, Vitamin C, Cat's Claw and Multi Vitamin & Mineral Supplement. Yes, that is the name of the song. In this song, Eric plays a recording of his mother's voice repeatedly saying, "Take your vitamins please." Other than that, the album is simply not interesting at all.

Eric says himself that he made the CD in haste and the lyrics, however little he sings, were created during recording. I will characterize this CD as bad techno, although no songs have any kind of real beat to them. To Eric, this may sound like memories of his ordeal, but to this critic, it just sounds like gibberish. Judging by the unanimous hatred of this CD by my neighbors, I can safely say that this CD will not be popular any time soon. This is definitely not hot.

However, this music is hot. Aerosmith's 21st album, *Just*



Aerosmith's *Just Push Play* album cover

[Aerosmith.com](http://Aerosmith.com)

*Push Play*, was just released. The album follows their multi-platinum release, *Nine Lives*, released back in March of 1997 that sported hits like "Falling In Love Is Hard On The Knees," "Hole In My Soul," "Taste Of India," and "Pink." The greatly anticipated, *Just Push Play* features the hit single "Jaded." The album itself is a straight shot of classic Aerosmith style. If you are an Aerosmith fan, you will like this CD.

however, it does not provide anything new for people who are not fans.

Steve Tyler's piercing voice and amazing vocals give the songs the classic rock feel that people have come to expect from Aerosmith. Another of my favorites from this CD is "Trip Hop-pin'," with a dazzling display of vocals and guitar playing that bring back the spirit of classic hits. Since the media will

undoubtedly overplay "Jaded" in the near future (gee, what a surprise), keep an eye out for some of these other hits to be rising their way up the charts soon after.

Aerosmith has managed to make the news quite frequently this year, kicking the year off with a half-time show at the Super Bowl with N'Sync, Britney Spears, and Nelly, bringing mixed reviews from the general public. Begging the question, why would anyone mix a classic rock band with a boy band?

Recently at the American Music Awards, Aerosmith received the International Artist Award for the song, "Jaded." Next Monday, March 19th, Aerosmith is to be inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

Aerosmith is Steven Tyler (Lead Vocals), Joe Perry (Guitar, Background Vocals), Brad Whitford (Guitar), Tom Hamilton (Bass), and Joey Kramer (Drums). Look for more hits from this electrifying band, and buy the CD or the "Jaded" single if you haven't already.

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## My Hero and Yours

**Curtis Geen**  
**Editorial Staff**

Who is this mysterious man that I admire? The man with the golden tongue I hope will never disappear. Wondering who this mysterious man could be? He can speak like no other man that lives. Women can't resist his allure. He spoke the timeless words, "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is. If the-if he-if 'is' means 'is' and never has been, that is not — that is one thing. If it means there is none, that was a completely true statement." It's the bulletproof man himself, President Bill Clinton. Astonished? Well President Clinton's legacy should be admired by all children and adults alike.

No other man, with as many controversies and felonies could have survived through eight whole years of Washington without getting thrown out of town and into jail. At the end of the eight years the man of steel became cocky with his apparent invincibility.

Over the last eight years President Clinton has managed to survive a few controversies. Whitewater, Travelgate, Filegate, Gennifer, Paula, Monica, Linda, Kathleen, illegal foreign campaign donations, and the theft of nuclear secrets by communist spies. The Republicans and Democrats alike thought they might finally be rid of Pres-

ident Clinton. But my hero is the come back kid, and he is coming back better than ever.

Clinton's never ending exodus began with an 11th hour plea bargain with the Justice Department for immunity from prosecution. Then came the Inauguration Day grandstand, where President Clinton became a high school cheerleader for the Democratic Party. Then there was the stolen furniture Hillary and Bill Clinton took from the White House. Then there's the famous last minute pardon orgy, when President Clinton issued pardons like a doctor handing out lollypops.

The pardoning of wealthy financier Marc Rich, who sat atop the FBI's ten most wanted list, fills the news. What people haven't caught on to are the other pardons such as convicted drug dealer Carlos Vignali or the felon Almon Braswell. Along with these were the pardons of four Hasidic Jews from New York, supposedly not asked for by Hillary Clinton. Only one man could pull this off and not go directly to jail and not collect two hundred dollars, President Clinton.

So how many people would not like to have the abilities of President Clinton? No other man alive possesses Clinton's ability to deceive and control the masses. Throughout his entire presidency President

Clinton did nothing, but still remained a hugely popular President. At the time of his departure from the White House, sixty percent of Americans thought positively of Bill Clinton. The same poll asked people who the greatest President in history was; ten percent of Americans thought President Clinton fit the bill. What were they thinking? These must be the same people that don't understand that a sleeping pill will cause drowsiness.

What did he do to earn these high marks? He did attempt to create a universal health care system. But it failed due to one small flaw; it would have bankrupted the country.

The only major piece of legislation that he signed into law came in the form of a law destroying welfare.

What will President Clinton be remembered for? His quotes? "I am going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky." His actions? Staining a blue Gap dress. His wife? "This is a vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced [his bid] for President." His women?

For some reason I don't think President Clinton's exit from the White House ended his time in the spotlight. Just remember next time to bring Kryptonite.

## Letter to the Editor

Recently it has come to the attention of many that the available bandwidth of the school's Internet connection is somewhat less than desirable. There are basically two solutions that would allow for the same amount of material to be accessed as we access now with increased speed. The first is to simply buy more bandwidth to the Internet, which is going to happen in an undetermined amount of time as reported last week. The second is to try to conserve bandwidth by caching and storing common files on the local network, which is generally not over-taxed.

There are two basic ways that have come to my attention in the past few weeks that will allow us to conserve bandwidth. The first is through a HTTP caching proxy server. There is one of these servers set up on campus use at <http://animal.pkapppler.com>. Anyone may use this server and simple instructions for setup in Netscape and Microsoft browsers are available at the site. The server caches all web content that is accessed through it and I have experienced faster web surfing because of it. Some of you may say "that's what the hard-disk cache is for." Statistically the proxy server out performs the local cache quite handily. Statistics on the server

cache hits and misses are available on the web page.

A "significant amount" of network traffic across the Internet router is Napster traffic. The second way to conserve bandwidth is to use the OpenNap (<http://open-nap.sourceforge.net>) server that has been set up on campus. OpenNap is an open source Napster server that is available for use on Windows and Linux/Unix. Users can connect their Napster client to this server through the use of several different programs. The most common way is through a program called Napigator (<http://www.napigator.com>). For instructions on using the local OpenNap server go to <http://napster.rose-hulman.net>. Here the user can download Napigator and within seconds be connected to the OpenNap server and begin conserving bandwidth. I have heard of download speeds approaching 1 MB/sec by simply switching to the local server.

By using one or both of these servers, you will improve performance of the bandwidth that is available to all the Internet users at school. You will also notice a speed increase especially with the OpenNap server.

Nathan Ellis  
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## SAT not good indicator of intelligence

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How well do you take tests? That question is more important than you think, especially when it comes to getting into college and even grad school. The SAT and other standardized tests can make it or break it for high school seniors who are applying to major universities, but the tests are not true assessments of students' knowledge or commitment to learning. How well a student does on the SAT often counts as much as four years of high school and can be a factor for scholarships and school grants.

Universities should place more emphasis on GPAs, recommen-

dations and school involvement, whether that is sports, clubs, volunteer work or student government. This shift of focus would give the well-rounded students the same opportunity as those who happen to be good test takers.

The University of California is setting an example for others across the United States to follow. The president of the university has decided to abolish SAT scores from the application and admissions process, claiming that the obsession with the test was "compromising the education system" and was focusing students' attention on learning test-taking skills rather than meaningful academic work.

Other states are following suit. Florida has tried to de-emphasize

the influence of SAT scores. Schools there are not giving the test as much importance as they have in the past.

Many students spend hours in study sessions and tutoring classes that teach tactics and strategies for mastering the exam. The test-prep industry earns more than \$100 million annually from study courses for the SAT and other exams.

Such standardized tests are "coachable" and students without the access and means to take these preparatory sessions are not on even ground with those with the advantage.

The SAT is no way to measure a person's God-given abilities and talents. God-given qualities can't be tested and attached to a numeric value. There is no num-

ber that can be placed on goodness and determination to achieve.

Baylor freshman Brad Holman said he believes that standardized testing is not an adequate means of determining intelligence.

"Every person has unique qualities given by God that can't be measured in math and verbal categories," Holman said.

Critical thinking is not what determines a successful student; basic qualities such as motivation, enthusiasm and the desire to learn are major characteristics of successful people and cannot be assessed by an abstract standardized test.

God made each person with a unique gift to offer to the world, and unless your gifts are in test-

able categories, they are often overlooked and deemed less important when it comes to being accepted into a school.

Too much emphasis has been placed on the SAT and tests like it. Universities should use California and Florida as models to follow by looking beyond exam scores to find the more well-rounded student, one that has a true passion for learning and has a good GPA and interest in extracurricular activities.

What students do in a classroom three hours out of their high school careers often determines more than the four years they have spent there. I hope universities and scholarship programs will strive to seek, applaud and reward individual God-given qualities instead of results of a single test.

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## Scoreboard

Baseball (12-4, 0-0 SCAC)	
Hope College	3
Rose-Hulman (Gm. 1)	4
Hope College	6
Rose-Hulman	16
Milwaukee School Eng.	2
Rose-Hulman (Gm. 1)	5
Milwaukee School Eng.	1
Rose-Hulman (Gm 2)	7
Softball (9-9, 5-0 SCAC)	
Centre (Sat. Gm. 1)	5
Rose-Hulman	8
Centre (Sat. Gm. 2)	4
Rose-Hulman	9
Centre (Sun.)	1
Rose-Hulman	20
*Tabatha Doughty Pitches No-Hitter	
Taylor (Gm. 1)	2
Rose-Hulman	9
Taylor (Gm. 2)	3
Rose-Hulman	11
8-Run Rule Invoked After 5 Innings	
Men's Tennis	
IU-SE and Hanover	2 1 1
Rose-Hulman	3 4 6
Wabash	7
Rose-Hulman	0
Women's Tennis	
Greenville	1
Rose-Hulman	8

## Upcoming Events

### Friday

Softball vs. U. South -- 4pm  
Baseball vs. Spalding -- 5pm

### Saturday

Men's Tennis vs. Anderson -- 10am  
Baseball vs. Greenville -- 11am  
Softball vs. U. South (DH) -- 11am  
Track & Field @ Hanover -- Noon  
Baseball vs. Wartburg -- 4:15pm

### Sunday

Baseball vs. Franklin -- Noon  
Baseball vs. Hanover -- 3pm

### Wednesday

Softball @ DePauw -- 3pm

## Class Highlights

Senior Jason Fox helped the baseball team earn two wins over the Milwaukee School of Engineering going 4-6 from the plate with four runs scored and two more batted in.

Junior Chris Unton was named to the Verizon Academic All-America team for men's basketball, grabbing third team honors.

Sophomore Andrew Schipper vaulted to new heights with a 16' 4 3/4" in the NCAA Div. III indoor track and field nationals. Schipper finished third in the pole vault competition held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Freshman Tabatha Doughty pitched the first no-hitter in Softball program history with a 20-1 defeat of Center College Sunday. The women have won seven consecutive matches and hold a perfect 5-0 record to sit atop the SCAC eastern division standings.

## Softball wins five, sits atop SCAC east

### Dan Gallagher Sports Editor

After being the whipping boy of many teams last season, the Rose-Hulman women have done an one-eighty, extending their winning streak to seven with a weekend sweep of Centre College and a Tuesday sweep of Taylor University.

The engineers played three games in Danville, Kentucky on Saturday and Sunday. Senior Christine Trossman racked up six hits, scored seven times, and batted in another four.

Freshmen Jennifer Schafer, Tabatha Doughty, and Nikki

Rosenow each collected wins from the mound.

Rosenow, last weeks Thorn athlete of the week, pitched the first game allowing three earned runs in seven innings. Rosenow provided offense behind the plate for the weekend as well, going eleven for eighteen with three doubles in the second game against Taylor, eleven runs, and batting in another six.

Doughty threw the program's first no-hitter on Sunday in a 20-1 defeat of the Colonels.

Batters reached base and scored on fielding errors in the first. Doughty then retired the next fourteen batters to record

the victory.

On Tuesday, the engineers squared off against Taylor University for an afternoon doubleheader.

After giving up two runs in the first, Rosenow scattered two hits and no runs over the final six innings. Freshman Sarah Bireley helped power the Engineers to a 9-2 win with three hits, including two doubles, and two RBI's.

The second game saw Doughty on the mound again, allowing three runs and nine hits. The engineers only needed five innings to take the 11-3 victory by virtue of the NCAA's eight-run rule. Freshman Stacy Gonya went two for

three in the contest with a run scored and two RBI's.

With the wins, the Engineers moved to 9-9 on the season, and presently sit atop the SCAC-Eastern division softball standings with a 5-0 record in the league. The women play at home this weekend against Sewanee with one game on Friday, and a double-dip Saturday afternoon.

To add an exclamation mark to an excellent week, Trossman was named SCAC player of the week and Doughty pitcher of the week.

This marks the second consecutive week the Rose-Hulman women have swept these awards.

## Look for next week's special report on Rose-Hulman student-athletes attracting national attention.

### Tennis bounces back, tackles Franklin, Anderson this weekend

#### Travis Holler Editor Emeritus

The Rose-Hulman men's tennis team bounced back from a tough quarter break swing through Hawaii to win three straight dual matches on Saturday before falling to Wabash on Tuesday. The 3-1 week ups their record to 4-5 heading into this weekend's matches at Anderson against Franklin and Anderson.

The Engineers opened the week by traveling to Louisville, Kentucky for matches against Hanover and IU-Southeast. The matches, which were contested at the Louisville Indoor Tennis Center, saw Rose emerge with a 4-1 victory over Hanover and two victories over IU-Southeast, by margins of 3-2 and 6-1 respectively.

Senior number 1 Robert Kober, along with freshman Tom Heller and sophomore Mike Bergfeld led the team with 2-0 records in singles. Seniors Kris Chaney and Jordan Williford, juniors Andy Feyen and Jake Isenburg, and sophomore Drew Wright also notched pro-set victories for the Engineers.

Tuesday afternoon saw the team travel to Crawfordsville to take on one of their traditional rivals, Wabash College. The Engineers, who were without Coach Dan Hopkins as he

underwent angioplasty surgery, gave a spirited effort which was not reflected by the 7-0 score.

"Wabash was a lot closer than the score would indicate," Williford commented. "It was obvious that they'd had more opportunity to practice this winter with their indoor facility. I look forward to playing them on the outdoor courts next weekend in the Kerry Seward Invitational."

Aside from one-sided straight set victories by Wabash at #1 and 2 singles, nearly all of the matches were tightly contested. Wright, Isenburg, and Heller lost tight matches in three sets, while the doubles matches were also close. Freshman Robert Memering teamed with Feyen to notch the team's only win of the day by an 8-4 margin at number 2 doubles.

Hopkins could return to the sideline this weekend as Rose-Hulman travels to Anderson to take on the host Ravens as well as Franklin College in a three-way dual match. Last season, Rose defeated both teams handily.

Anderson is coming off a nice swing through South Carolina that saw them win three out of four matches. Returning #1 player Chris Zeilinga leads the team, and was the lone winner when Anderson faced Rose last season. The Ravens enter this weekend's action with a 5-2 record.

### Faculty staff rifle match practice schedule announced

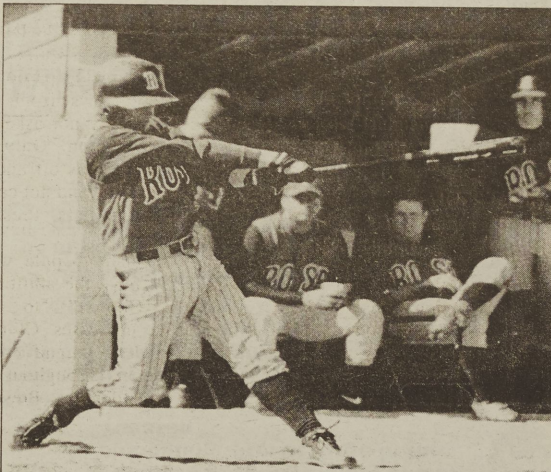
The Rose-Hulman Rifle team released the practice schedule for its second annual faculty-staff rifle match to be held March 24th at 10am in the rifle range.

The range will be open for practice on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6-8pm, and Wednesday from 2-5pm. Rose-

Hulman student-athletes will provide instruction, and all necessary equipment will be provided by the rifle team.

The match is open to any interested faculty or staff member. For more information, contact Dan Gallagher at extension 6179.

## Thorn Athlete of The Week: Jason Fox



Don Harrington / Thorn  
Jason Fox rips into a pitch at Saturday's game versus Hope College

After going five for eleven with seven runs scored and three RBI's in the Engineers' doubleheader sweep of Hope College and the Milwaukee School of Engineering, senior Jason Fox has been named **Thorn** athlete of the week.

"Jason is really positive and just a lot of fun to be around.

He's a diligent worker in the off season with the weight program too," commented Jeff Jenkins baseball coach.

Fox was named SCAC player of the week last week and has also been named as the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity's baseball player of the week.

### Baseball sweeps twice, hosts home invitational this weekend.

#### Dan Gallagher Sports Editor

The Engineers completed a sweep of Hope College and the Milwaukee School of Engineering last weekend to improve to their record to 12-4 on the season.

Senior Andy Tochtermann pitched the first game, scattering three runs and seven hits across seven innings to pick up the win. Freshman Matt More went two for three from the plate with a run scored in the daycap.

In the nightcap, freshman Scott Otto relieved junior John Bowen, allowing just one hit in three and a third innings work to record the victory. Senior Steve Krause went three for four with two runs scored and two more batted in.

On Sunday, the Engineers squared off against the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Senior Robert Chandler struck out nine and allowed just three hits to collect the 5-2 win. Senior Jason Fox went two for two with two runs scored and another two batted in.

In the second game of the set, freshman Mark Reeves scattered six hits and a run across seven innings as the Engineers picked up their fourth straight win. Tochtermann went three for four with two runs scored and three RBI's to power the Engineers' offense.

Looking ahead, the Engineers host the Rose-Hulman Invitational starting today with a game against Spalding College at 5pm. SGA is sponsoring a tailgate party starting at 4pm with free food and pop. The Baseball team hosts Greenville and Wartburg on Saturday, and Franklin and Hanover Sunday to conclude the five-game weekend.



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# FLIP SIDE

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I wanted to find a job as a gynecologist...

Chadsville, TX

Friday, March 16, 2001

## Top Ten: Why We Like St. Patrick's Day

- 10 Green Beer
- 9 Green Beer
- 8 Green Beer
- 7 Green Beer
- 6 Green Beer
- 5 Drinking Green Beer, seeing a leprechaun, following him home, beating him up, and taking his gold.
- 4 Green Beer
- 3 Green Beer
- 2 Green Vomit
- 1 Going Back to the leprechaun's house and taking his Green Beer

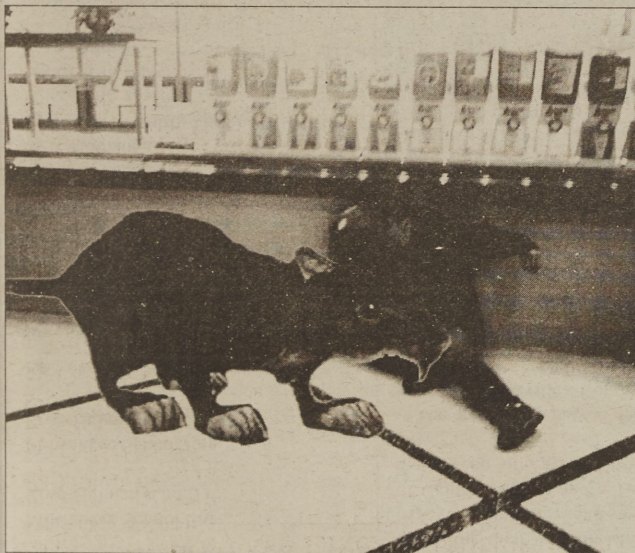


## SGA cuts Spanish Club funds: Travelling students left for dead



## Cafeteria under attack by giant evil rats

Freshman class president Gregory fights to save the Cap'n Crunch



Josh Gregory, freshman class president and Assassins points leader, was seen here by a cafeteria security camera. He was holding off a pack of Giant Evil Rats from the Cap'n Crunch Dispenser.

When we approached the Prez for questioning, he responded, "For all that's good and holy, save the cereal!"

After the prez was devoured by rats, the cereal bar fell into the enemies hands, much like the Alamo did to those damned Mexicans.

This pokes a large hole in the General Mills theory that "You and the captain make it happen."

Funeral services for Josh will be held in 24-48 hours, depending on Josh's fiber content.

## Wacky Prof Quotes!

"They just don't make rubbers like they used to."

-- Dale Oexmann, referring to a rubber band that just snapped

"Sorry, I'm no expert on midgets and how they grow or don't grow."

-- Dr. Waite, answering the question of a student in BE597 about bone growth

"People muscle -- we don't make any judgements whether that's good to eat or not."

-- Dr. Waite, backtracking a bit after declaring that muscles taste good, in BE597

Do you have a wacky prof this quarter? More than one? Write down what they say at all times. Use that material to study for tests, but send the funny bits to [flipside@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:flipside@rose-hulman.edu)



**Status:**  
Returned home after three month stay in detention center

**Status:**  
Killed by Zapatistas



**Status:**  
Wanted for gun running and baby smuggling. Still at large in the Yucatan



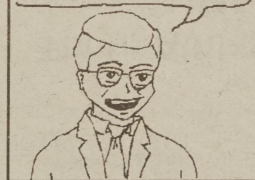
**Status:**  
Safely returned home. Has recurring 'chalupa' nightmares

**Status:**  
Unknown. Analysts guess that this man is actually Kaiser Soze. Will probably never be seen again



## Mike and Joel

AND THAT SORT OF CONCLUDES OUR DISCUSSION OF FLOATING POINT MULTIPLICATION. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, KNIFE FIGHTS?



YOU'RE A DEAD MAN, MELLOR!!!



THAT'S IT FOR TODAY. TOMORROW WE'LL START OUR SECTION ON RESTORING DIVISION.



## Doritos model killed in ad shoot due to high speed chips

CS majors salivate upon thinking of models and high speed chips in one sentence.

See "Mmm, concussion."- Page 9

## This Week In History:

You know, that one year.

That one guy invented that one thing. You know ... that guy! He drove that blue car?

See "Meh" -Page 10

## Inside Joke of the Week

If they made it Spoik! instead of Ding! it wouldn't be nearly as addictive.

(send yours to [flipside@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:flipside@rose-hulman.edu))

See "Stop! It's not funny!" -Page 11

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